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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of  
Akio Nishiyama

Serial No.: 10/698,368

Group Art Unit: 2112

Filed: November 3, 2003

Examiner: Jose Torres

For: IMAGE COMPRESSION METHOD AND IMAGE COMPRESSION  
APPARATUS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2007, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows: